

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title, please insert -- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

Page 2, before the second full paragraph, which begins with "It is thus the object," please  
insert -- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Page 4, before the paragraph, which begins with "Below, the device according to the  
invention" please insert -- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING --

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please insert

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION --